

10-16-24

Dear friends of the Tarahumara Ministries,

On behalf of Tomas Bencomo I thank you for your generous support over the 20 years the Rocky Mountain District of the C&MA has been involved with this amazing ministry. Tomas tells me frequently that the many district short term mission trips and financial support from both individuals and churches have been a huge reason for the growth of the ministry.

I trust that you are aware of the powerful revival that is taking place among the Tarahumara Indians. In the last few years, thousands of Indians have come to Christ and 5 large churches are now in existence, complete with Pastors, Evangelists, worship teams, and some with buildings. Other churches of 200-300 meet out on the hill side. We have authorized Tomas to lay a foundation for one of those church buildings this fall with our intent to continue to help raising funds and work teams to make this happen.

The Amigo Fund is now supporting nearly 20 pastors/missionaries on a regular basis. In addition to the Tarahumara Indians, Tomas is now working with a total of 12 isolated Indian tribes and the network of leaders is growing.

All of this, of course, is not without significant cost. We have done well in staying ahead of the many projects, but lately we are running a deficit that we need to rectify. We are nearing completion of the chapel enlargement (seats about 250-300) in Rio Chico for their family and youth camps, but we are about \$4,000 short in our project/trip fund. The Amigo Fund has about \$2900 in the account, so it is unable to make our 3rd and 4th quarter commitment of about \$4,500 each. Ahead of us is an expensive reroofing of the Pena Blanca church which hosts many of the activities for the area.

So, we need your help. Would you consider a personal gift, a special offering, end of year gift, or even writing Tarahumara ministries into your 2025 budget? Together, I believe we will rally together and get us back on a solid footing for the future years. Contributions can be made out to the Rocky Mountain District C&MA with "AMIGO Fund" in the memo, and sent to:

Rocky Mountain District
2545 St. John's Ave
Billings, MT 59102

Sincerely,

Jim Stumbo, RMD coordinator for support of Tomas Bencomo and the Tarahumara Ministries